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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BEXP, EG, EWWT, PFOR

SUBJECT: REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL - MOBILE BRIDGING

1. SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA) HAS REQUESTED FROM EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING QUOTATIONS AND SHORTEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIMES FOR MOBILE BRIDGING SYSTEM MANUFACTURED BY CONSOLIDATED DIESEL ELECTRIC COMPANY, 1700 EAST PUTNAM AVE., OLD GREENWICH, CONN. 06870 (TEL 203-637-4341). SCA WISHES TO PURCHASE ON URGENT BASIS SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT FOR THREE 200 METER BRIDGES AND SPARE PARTS. BRIDGE SYSTEM AS DESCRIBED BY SCA HAS EACH BRIDGE UNIT MOUNTED ON SELF-PROPELLED AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORTER/HULL.

2. SCA TECHNICAL OFFICIALS INDICATED TO COML OFF THAT 3 CONVOYS WOULD PASS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL EACH DAY -- 2 SOUTHBOUND AND 1 NORTHBOUND. SCA WITH MOBILE BRIDGE SYSTEM WOULD DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLE EACH BRIDGE WITH PASSAGE EACH CONVOY.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT APPARS THAT SUPPLY OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS PRIMARILY OF COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE, ITS MILITARY APPLICATIONS ARE OBVIOUS. MOREOVER, POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF PROVISION OF THIS BRIDGE SYSTEM WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

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